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Mr. William Colby
Executive Director
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

Next month, from June 22nd to 28th, the Brookings Institution will provide an orientation program for a group of faculty members from university schools of business administration and management, who will be serving in the federal government in a new program sponsored by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. These fifteen men and women will be spending this orientation week at Brookings before beginning a variety of assignments, lasting from three to twelve months each.

Some months ago, when you and your associates visited Jim Mitchell and my colleagues here (at a time when I was away on another program), an interest was expressed in having the Agency reach university faculty members. While this group is small, I believe that a discussion session of the sort you provide for our programs for businessmen would be a very useful part of any program. I don't believe it would be necessary to tie up the dining room there, though I would like to arrange to bring the group to Langley, for a session with a few representatives of the Agency. (All fifteen participants are U.S. citizens, and we can provide the usual data on them immediately.)

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I've discussed this briefly with [REDACTED] including an alternate suggestion of having one or two Agency representatives meet the group here at Brookings. (Incidentally, we will have some luncheons and dinners throughout July and August, since Rod tells me that late June may not be the best time for a session of this sort, and your clearance procedure takes longer, anyway.) If you were to join us here at Brookings, it would also be possible to avoid the clearance system, I assume, and we could also invite the young economics professors who

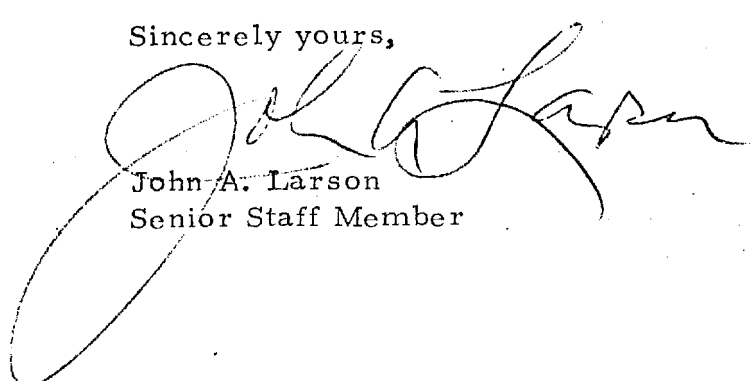
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will also be here this summer. (That group of twelve includes one Jamaican.)

I'll call your office in a few days to repeat this invitation and answer questions. Speaking as a former faculty member of a business school, concerned with business-government relations, I find this new venture an exciting opportunity to expand teaching and research - in management in business and government and in issues of public policy - and I very much hope we may have the privilege of a session on the Agency in June or later in the summer.

Sincerely yours,



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